

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
dispicable decision
to force Public
stations operated by
Sinclair to air an
anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.
This would be true
no matter what side
of the political
fence it was for or
against. I do not
want the abuse of
our airways to
influence and
threaten our
democracy.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

I sort of have to
give thanks to
Sinclair's
outrageous
politically
motivated action as
it has caused me to
address the
situation that I

have been concerned
about for the past
few years. Seems we
have such busy lives
that one has a hard
time taking carte of
issues until
something forces us
to stand up and
fight.
Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.